

St. John Paul II Parish, Carroll, IA

Pastoral Council Minutes, February 1, 2024

Present: Fr. Patrick Behm, Fr. Peter Pham, Deacon Alan Loew, Deacon Tim Murphy, Deacon Dave Prenger, Julie Borelli, Kathy Halbur, Clint Holtz, Mary Anne Lahr, EmmaLee Miklosovic, Allison Ostrander, Scott Sibbel, Lynn Stork and Mary Jo Wieland. Absent were Deacon Louie Meiners and Deacon Scott Steffen.

Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Behm.

New Business

- Fr. Behm explained the vision and the make-up of the parish council. The terms will be similar to the fiscal year, July – June. Fr. will send out the bylaws to all members. The Council currently consists of the following ex-officio members: Fr. Patrick Behm, Fr. Peter Pham, Deacons Alan Loew, Louie Meiners, Tim Murphy, Dave Prenger, Scott Steffen, Mary Jo Wieland, Kathy Halbur, EmmaLee Miklosovic, Scott Tigges, and Paula Yetmar. Appointed Members and Role: Julie Borelli (Carroll, and also president of the council), Clint Holtz (Dedham), Mary Anne Lahr (Lidderdale), Cathy Nees (Coon Rapids), Allison Ostrander (youth), Scott Sibbel (Willey), and Lynn Stork (Glidden). Julie explained the council, vision plan, and the various subcommittees that we have had in the past.
- There was a discussion regarding the Summer Event, and the date has been set for August 11 at Graham Park near the band shell area. The Men's Club, Women's Club, and the Rec Center have all been contacted. The Living Rosary will be at 3:30, Mass at 4:00, followed by a meal and short program by Fr. David Hemann. There will be ongoing discussion regarding children's activities, etc.
- EmmaLee explained the Alpha program, which will be starting Monday, February 5. Alpha is an evangelistic program which shares the Gospel message with a video followed by a small group discussion. EmmaLee also noted about the Parish Mission, which will be February 20-22 at Holy Spirit from 6:00-8:30pm. It will be presented by Kara Kardell and Fred Shellabarger from Draw Near. Fr. Behm also noted that there will be confessions offered on a couple of the nights.
- Scott Sibbel noted that beginning on Friday, February 2, and every First Friday there will be "Men of Heart" at St. Mary, Willey from 6:00-7:00pm. There will be Adoration, prayer focusing on Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Benediction, and fellowship in the hall following.

- Mary Jo mentioned that complimentary tickets have been sent to new parishioners who have joined the parish since the Turkey Dinner in November. This has been very well received, and people are very appreciative.
- Fr. Behm noted that there has been a large amount of donations to the New Creations Pregnancy Center.
- Tim Murphy will be leading a Bible study during Lent. It will be held in the family room at St. Lawrence after the 7:00am Wednesday morning Mass. The study will be based on the Gospel of Mark. Each session should last an hour or so.
Tim also mentioned that he was in a Zoom meeting with some people from Haiti, and asks for prayers for the people of Haiti as they are experiencing riots and unrest.
- Fr. Behm noted the following for Ash Wednesday and Lent: Ash Wednesday Mass schedule: 7:00am Mass at St. Lawrence; 8:30 All School Kuemper Mass at Holy Spirit; 5:00pm Mass in Glidden; 5:30pm Mass at Holy Spirit; and 6:45pm Mass in Coon Rapids.
There are 10 people involved in the RCIA program, with one baptism.
Palm Sunday is March 24.
The Chrism Mass will be held in Sioux City on March 25.
Tenebrae will be at St. Mary, Willey, on Holy Thursday – Holy Saturday, time yet to be determined.
Holy Thursday Masses will be at 7:00pm at Holy Spirit and Coon Rapids.
Good Friday Services: 1:00pm at Holy Spirit; 3:00pm at Dedham; 5:00pm at St. Lawrence; and 5:30pm at Glidden.
The Easter Vigil on March 30 will be St. Lawrence, beginning at 8:00pm, followed by a Resurrection party in Collison Hall.
The Easter Masses are the same as regularly scheduled on the weekend, with the exception of Glidden having a 9:00am Mass.
Divine Mercy Sunday will be observed on April 7 in Willey.
First Communion will take place at all church sites the weekend of April 13-14.
Confirmation is scheduled for April 28 at Holy Spirit.
The weekend of May 18-19 is Pentecost. After the May 18 4:30 Vigil Mass at Holy Spirit the Lord's Day Celebration will be observed in the Greteman Center. A Lord's Day Celebration is a commemoration of the Passover of Christ. There will be a meal, followed by a prayer session.

Closing Prayer was led by Fr. Behm.

Next Meeting will be held Thursday, March 7, 5:30pm, Collison Hall, St. Lawrence.